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1. DAN GOLDBERG OF THE NEW SOLIDARITY INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICE (NSIPS) IN WIESBADEN PHONED A CONSULAR OFFICER ON APRIL 28, TO INFORM HIM THAT GERMAN POLICE WERE SEARCHING THEIR OFFICES. HE COMPLAINED THAT THE POLICE ONLY HAD SEARCH WARRANT FOR THE OFFICES NEXT DOOR OF THE EUROPEAN LABOR COMMITTEES (ELC). AS FAR AS CONGEN KNOWS, DAN GOLDBERG IS ONLY AMERICAN CITIZEN ON STAFF OF ABOUT 35 PERSONS OF THE NSIPS. MR. GOLDBERG CONTINUED THAT POLICE HAD TAKEN PHOTOGRAPHS OF DOCUMENTS AND THEN SEALED ALL PRINTING AND TELEX MACHINES AND FILES. AFTER PHONING LOCAL POLICE, AND CONSULTING MEMBERS OF THE CONGEN STAFF, THE CONOFF CONCLUDED THAT SEARCH LEGAL UNDER GERMAN LAW, AND INFORMED MR. GOLDBERG THAT HE MIGHT WANT OBTAIN THE SERVICES OF AN ATTORNEY. HE WAS GIVEN SEVERAL NAMES OF LAWYERS IN THE WIESBADEN AREA.

2. ARTICLE IN LOCAL PAPER ON APRIL 29 STATES
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THAT ABOUT 20 POLICE OFFICERS SEARCHED THE JOINT

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OFFICES OF THE ELC AND NSIPS TO OBTAIN EVIDENCE
TO SUBSTANTIATE CHARGE OF SLANDER AGAINST
FORMER CHANCELLOR WILLY BRANDT. SEARCH WAS ORDERED BY
THE LOCAL COURT (AMTSGERICHT) IN HAMBURG. BRANDT
ALLEGEDLY HAD BEEN CARICATURIZED IN NSIPS PUBLICATONS
AS A "CRIMINAL" DRESSED IN A NAZI SS-UNIFORM. THIS
TYPE OF SLANDER, OF COURSE, IS CONSIDERED ILLEGAL UNDER
GERMAN LAW.

3. THE NSIPS AND ELC ARE KNWON TO THE CONGEN FOR
BEING, IN PRACTICE, ONE AND THE SAME ORGANIZATION. IN
GERMANY THEY HAVE FOCUSED ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON
GERMAN POLITICAL OPINIONS AND PERSONALITIES, AND ARE
CHARACTERIZED BY THEIR EXTREME LEFTIST VIEWS. THE
CONGEN HAS COLLECTED COPIES OF THEIR PAMPHLETS AND
A RECENT PAMPHLET DID CONTAIN EXTREMELY DEROGATORY
COMMENTS REGARDING BRANDT. SINCE THE NSIPS IS CLOSELY
ASSOCIATED WITH THE ELC, AND PRINTER OF THE PAMPHLETS,
AND SINCE THE POLICE IN ANY EVENT, NOW HAVE GENERAL
LEGAL AUTHORITY TO SEARCH ANY PREMISES THEY BELIEVE
MAY HARBOR SUVERSIVE MATERIAL, CONGEN OF OPINION
THAT NSIPS'S ONLY RECOURSE AT
THIS TIME IS THROUGH GERMAN LEGAL SYSTEM.
GOLDBERG EXPRESSED INTENTION TO PURSUE THIS COURSE.HARLAN

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